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Title

Process and Device for Producing Components and Semifinished

Products from Synthetic Graphite or Ceramic Granules, In

Particular for Producing Graphite Tubes

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 2,269,436 (Christopher), dated January 13, 1942;

German Patent No. 961 729 (Billen), dated October 18, 1956, semi-continuously working electrode press;

German Patent DE 31 16 309 C2 (Swozil), dated November 19, 1982, graphite tube;

German Published, Prosecuted Patent Application No. 1 132 896 (Erdmenger et al.), dated July 12, 1962, method for producing granular or cylindrical granulate;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application No. 1 945 981 (Lomas), dated March 19, 1970, method and device for refilling an extruding press;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 197 47 757 A1 (Eifert et al.), dated January 28, 1999, method for producing quasi-endless profiles from pulverized materials;

German Search Report dated July 10, 2000.

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